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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
Hiroaki Hara, et al.) Examiner: H. Chu
on AEROGEL AND METALLIC)
COMPOSITES) Group Art Unit: 1754
Serial No.: 10/695,214) Confirmation No. 4508
Filed: October 28, 2003) (Docket No. 6872-0001-1)

Hartford, Connecticut, November 7, 2006

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
and
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sirs:

Applicants request a three-month extension of time, to November 8, 2006, for responding to an Office Action dated May 8, 2006.

In Response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.